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# EARIHUUAKE'S NUMBER

Communication by Wire Is Practically Cut Off---City Is Placed Under Martial Law and Armed Troops Parade the Streets.

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WORLD STAFF CORRESPONDENT AT SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO, April 18 .-- More than 400 bodies of victims of the

chanics' Pavilion.

There are upwards of 50 bodies at the morgue. Hundreds of bodies in the NO TREMOR OF WARNING. lodging house section have been cremated. The death list is growing every minute, and some estimates go as far as to say 3,000 lives were lost.

from Eighth street to the water front and north of Market street from Sansome to person able to walk hastened to the open air.

Broadway is gone.

The wrecked city is now in imminent danger of complete destruction by fire.

The water supply system of San Francisco was wrecked by the earthquake. Not only is there no water with which to fight the flames, but there is no water to drink. As the flames advance from the bay, licking up whole blocks of buildings, Western Union office has been destroyed, and the Postal is going. The operators are sticking to an awful panic spreads. Brave firemen and volunteers are blowing up buildings in their posts in the face of death. Arrangements are being made to transfer the entire staffs of the

## REPORT IS CURRENT THAT U. S. SQUADRON IN PACIFIC IS LOST

Bay.

Nothing to support this rumor was received.

WASHGINTON, D. C., April 18 .- An attempt was made to-day to get into communication with the Navy-Yard in San Francisco by telegraph but failed. Then the wireless apparatus was tried, and this also failed

The probability is that this report got abroad and led to the rumo that the warships were lost

The Pacific Squadron, according to Government assignments, was distributed at the following stations of the Pacific Coast on last Saturday:

The Boston, Commander D. W. Coffin, San Diego

Marblehead, Commander R. I. Mulligan, San Diego Paul Jones, Lieut. J. F. Marshall, jr., San Diego. Perry, Lieut. F. N. Freeman, San Diego. Princeton, Commander F. H. Shorman, San Diego Saturn, collier, Mare Island, San Francisco Harbor Independence, receiving ship, Capt. B. Haber, Mare Island

Oregon, Capt. J. P. Merrill, Bremerton, Wash.

## RESULTS OF OTHER SPORTS IMPOSSIBLE TO COUNT THE DEAD.

ACCIDENT TO FLEET AT SAN FRANCISCO.

WASHINGTON, April 18 .- Admiral Converse, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, says he had a report at noon that naval vessels at San Francisco had suffered no damage. He says he would have known it immediately had any warship been seriously damaged.

### ST. LOUIS AT CHICAGO—(N. L.)

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CHICAGO AT DETROIT-(A. L.)

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DETROIT ------ 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 -- 3 LATE WINNERS AT NASHVILLE.

Sixth-J. Ed Grillo 6-1, St. Noel 8-5 place, Magic.

AT MEMPHIS. Fifth-Deutschland 4-5, Burleigh 7-10 place, Invincible. Sixth-Los Angeleno 2-1, Lemon Girl 1-4 pl., Gladiator.

Citizens Are Fleeing in Panic from the Stricken City--- Nothing to Stop the Sweep of the Flames, and Aid Is Asked from Outside—One Thousand Lives Believed to Have Been Lost—Palace Hotel and Other Famous Structures Doomed.

> the path of the conflagration, but the flames thus far have succeeded in leaping all the barriers.

Because of the fire along the waterfront the ferryboat service to Oakland is crippled. earthquake and the succeeding fire have been received at the temporary morgue in Me= The Southern Pacific Railroad has placed all its tugs and large steamers at the disposal of persons desiring to leave the doomed city.

Without preliminary tremor of warning the earthquake visited the city at 5:15 o'clock this morning. The district most seriously affected was the area extending east The Palace Hotel has been destroyed, and everything south of Market street and south of Montgomery street to the bay. The whole city was shaken, and every

> Fires sprang up in the ruins and spread rapidly. Chief Sullivan was killed in an engine house upon which the tower of the California Hotel dropped.

> The gravity of the situation cannot be exaggerated. The fire has proved almost as destructive as the earthquake, and we will be lucky if it does not utterly destroy us.

> This is probably the last message that will leave San Francisco until the worst is over. The Western Union and Postal across the Bay to Oakland as soon as a boat can be secured.

All estimates as to the loss of life must be guesswork. There is absolutely no system in relief WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 10 work. The community is completely demoralized.

> The fire is eating up the ruins, incinerating the bodies of hundreds who were buried in the wreckage. No man can tell how many wounded, pinned down, have been burned to death.

> There was a second shock at 8 o'clock, just as the people were beginning to recover their senses and organize for search of the ruins. This shock served to inspire absolute terror. Then came a stiff breeze—almost a half gale—from off the Bay, and the march of the flames through the city began. -

Nothing can be written to give an idea of the situation in its entirety. The extent of the conflagration may be imagined from the fact that a message from San Jose, twenty-five miles away, says that the people of that city are watching San Francisco burn. An idea of the horrors of the carthquake alone may be gained from one isolated case. In Eddy street, near Taylor, a big building dropped on a lodging-house next door. There were two hundred people in the lodging house. Not one of them escaped, and the buildings are lying as they fell (at noon).

There are other big fires besides the one in the heart of the city. Out on Mission street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, the block is ablaze.

Among the buildings destroyed are the \$7,000,000 City Hall and the post-office. Fire has eaten up the Grand Opera House, a ten-story building next door, the Pacific States Telephone Company, the Rialto Building, the Natoma Building, the twelve-story Mutual Life Building and many other notable structures. The offices of the Examiner and Call were gutted by the flames.

Gen. Funston, Commander of the Department of the Pacific, has called out his troops at the request of Mayor Schmitz, and San Francisco is practically under martial law. Guards have been established around the banks. No business houses were opened to-day and no banks were opened, although hundreds of depositors besieged the doors and clamored for their money.

A night of horror is anticipated. There is no gas and no electricity. For light the city must depend upon the

advancing flames. The gas we is south of Market Street have blown up.

All saloons have been closed and guards have been stationed to prevent any one from coming into the city. Tens of thousands are pouring cut of town on foot, in boats across the Bay and in every conceivable kind of vehicle.

Mayor Schmitz has called for the assistance of the entire Oakland Fire Department, and has ordered that all dynamite available be used to blow up buildings in order to stay the progress of the flames.